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FM AMEMBASSY KATHMANDU

TO SECSTATE WASHDC IMMEDIATE 6514

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E.O. 11652 N/A

TAGS: CDES, NP (GROVE, THOMAS ARTHUR)

SUBJ: CONFIRMATION OF IDENTITY: THOMAS ARTHUR GROVE

REF: (A) STATE 257815, (B) KATHMANDU 4359

1. REGRET MUST CONFIRM WITHOUT DOUBT IDENTITY OF REMAINS FOUND IN NEPAL AS THOSE OF THOMAS ARTHUR GROVE. PLEASE EXPRESS HEARTFELT SYMPATHY OF ENTIRE EMBASSY STAFF TO REV. GROVE.

2. DR. C DUDLEY HENDERSON OF SHANTA BHAWAN HOSPITAL PERFORMED COMPARIOSON OF DENTAL RECORDS WITH TEETH. THOUGH SOME CHANGE HAD OCCURED OVER TIME BETWEEN X-RAYS AND DEATH, SUBSTANTIOAL AGREEMENT WAS NOTED. HENDERSON HAS EXECUTED AFFIDAVIT STATING THAT THE COMPARISON IS POSITIVE.

3. EMBASSY HAS RECEIVED REPORT REGARDING CIRCUMSTANCES OF DEATH, WHICH WILL BE SENT AS SEPTTEL. REFUND OF US \$104 EQUIVALENT IN NEPALI RUPEES HAS BEEN OBTAINED FROM GROVE'S KATHMANDU-BANGKOK ROYAL NEPAL AIRLINES TICKET. WE ANTICIPATE THIS AMOUNT WILL COVER MOST COSTS.

4. OPTIONS FOR REMAINS ARE AS FOLLOWS: (1) SHIPMENT OF SKELETAL REMAINS TO U.S. AS THEY ARE, (2) CREMATION AND LOCAL DISPOSITION OF ASHES, (3) CREMATION AND SHIPMENT OF ASHES TO NEXT OF KIN. THESE OPTIONS ARE EQUALLY FEASIBLE, AND COST SHOULD NOT EXCEED AMOUNT ON DEPOSIT FROM REFUND. PLEASE ADVISE REV. GROVE'S CHOICE, AND CONSIGNEE IF REMAINS ARE TO BE SHIPPED.

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WITH REFERENCE TO REV. GROVE'S CONVERSATION WITH FISCHER.

EMBASSY CONFIRMS THAT PROTESTANT SERVICE IS AVAILABLE IN CONNECTION WITH CREMATION.

5. FS-192 WILL BE AMENDED AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

6. EMBASSY WILL OBTAIN ESTIMATE OF COST OF AIR SHIPMENT OF EFFECTS IF REV. GROVE DESIRES, OR WILL MAKE ARRANGEMENTS FOR LOCAL DISPOSITION ACCORDING TO HIS WISHES.

7. ADVISE.
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